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In re Appln. of: Erich Strasser et al.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following references for

consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references, except U.S. Patent No. 4,631,519, are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449. A copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,631,519 is not being supplied pursuant to the waiver of the rules presented in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,631,519	Johnston	12/23/86

B. Foreign Patents

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Pub. Date</u>
2 126 444 A	U.K.	03/21/84
WO 02/01160 A1	WIPO	01/03/02

C. Literature

1. Stevenson, J.T.M. et al., "Absolute Position Measurement Using Optical Detection of Coded Patterns," Journal of Physics E/Scientific Instruments Vol. 21, No. 12, 1988, pp. 1140-1145.

II. DISCUSSION

A. WIPO Patent Reference No. WO 02/01160 A1

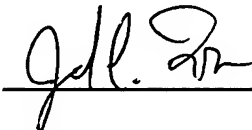
The '160 patent reference was cited in an Examination Report (copy enclosed) and was cited as an X-type reference in a Search Report for a corresponding PCT patent application. An

X-type reference is a document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.C. Freeman", is written over a solid horizontal line.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	4,631,519	12/23/1986	Johnston		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES OR NO
	A2	2 126 444 A	03/21/1984	U.K.		No
	A3	WO 02/01160 A1	01/03/2002	WIPO		No

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>					
	A4	Stevenson, J.T.M. et al., "Absolute Position Measurement Using Optical Detection of Coded Patterns," Journal of Physics E/Scientific Instruments, Vol. 21, No. 12, 1988, pp. 1140-1145.				

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